मद्यनिर्माताओं (ब्रुअर्स) को होप्स का आयात करने की अनुमति

1916. **श्री सुशील बरोंगपा** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने आल इंडिया ब्रुअर्स एसोसिएशन या किन्हीं मद्यनिर्माताओं (ब्रुअर्स) को वर्ष 1991–92 और 1992–93 के दौरान विदेशों से होप्स का आयात करने की अनुमति प्रदान की गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1991–92 के दौरान होप्स का आयात करने के लिए मद्य-निर्माताओं को 16,86,260 रु० मूल्य के आयात लाइसेंस जारी किए गए थे ।

यह मद 31.10.1992 से एक्जिम स्किप्स पर आयात के लिए उपलब्ध हुई । एक्जिम स्किप्स पर किए गए आयातों से संबंधित आंकड़े नहीं रखे जाते हैं ।

Leather Export to Germany

1917. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 17th June, 1992 captioned "Leather export to Germany jeopardised";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any alternative arrangements are being made to avoid the use of PCP to leather Goods to ensure continued export to leather goods; and

(d) whether any lab tests are being made to find substitute chemicals for PCP and if so, with what results?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In December, 1989, the German Government imposed a ban on import of leather and leather products treated with Pentachlorophenol (PCP) beyond specified levels because of its suspected carcinegenic effects. Consequent upon this ban, the Government took prompt action in banning the use of Pentachlerophenol (PCP) in the country under the Insecticides Act with effect from 17-5-91. Testing facilties have also been set up by the Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) at Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Kanpur and Delhi for estimating PCP content in leather. The CLRI has in consultation with Pirmasens Leather Institute, Germany identified two chemicals viz., Thiocyanomethylthiobenzo-thiazole (TCMTB) and Parachlorometacresol (PC MC) as effective substitutes for PCP and the import duties on these chemichals have been substantially reduced to facilititate their wider use. Trade and industry in Germany have also been apprised of the action taken. Germany contniues to be an important market for our leather goods.

(d) Research studies on the development of indigenous know-how for producing acceptable substitutes for PCP are in progress in CLRI.

Production and Export of Natural Rubber

1918. SHRI SOMPAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether a study has been conducted to evaluate the prospects of increasing exports of natural rubber from India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;